(b) No.

(c) Annual returns of landed property or interest in landed property possessed by them are submitted by the three classes of officers. Periodical inquiries are made regarding relatives of district munsifs but not about their debts within their jurisdiction. No special inquiries are made in the case of deputy collectors or tahsildars.

(d) Yes, so far as information is available.

Criminal Justice.

Alleged communal troubles in Maruthavakudi.

* 7 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that two criminal cases have recently been filed in the Tiruvadamarudur Sub-Magistrate's Court, Kumbakonam taluk, one by the Adi-Dravidas of Maruthuvakudi against the caste people of the same village and the other by the caste people against the Adi-Dravidas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthuvakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the said caste Hindus;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus took the earliest opportunity and lodged a complaint alleging that a cart belonging to Adi-Dravidas ran over a kid which subsequently died;

(d) whether the police knew anything about the matter; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the same?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to intervene, on the facts implied in the question as to matters which are now before the courts.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether the incident mentioned in clause (b), viz., whether it is a fact that the caste Hindus of Maruthuvakudi unlawfully prevented Adi-Dravidas from driving carts through the public street of the caste Hindus,' is also before the court?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Various allegations and counter-allegations have been made to the authorities who are making a judicial investigation at the present moment, and therefore it is that the Government cannot say anything more definitely."

Irrigation.

Applications for water in the villages under the Periyar system.

* 8 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the information required with regard to question No. 684, dated 27th March 1925, regarding applications for water in the villages of the Periyar system has been obtained and, if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay it on the table;

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(*b*) in connexion with the answer to the above question clause (*e*) whether there is any rule in the Periyar Water Rate Rules which authorizes such use to be considered as unauthorized ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the Government Order relating to the answer to the above question clause (*a*) ?

A.—(*a*) The information has been called for and will be supplied to the hon. Member when received.

(*b*) The rules lay down that all applications received after 1st June will be returned as time-barred.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to clause (*b*), I want to know whether the same penalty is levied in cases where the applications are returned as unauthorized, as in those cases where water is taken unauthorized for use."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not quite follow the question of penalty raised by the hon. Member. There is no hard-and-fast rule that a certain penalty must be levied."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" So far as I know, there are rules whereby penalties of 20 or 30 times over the ordinary rate are levied. I want to know whether the same penalty is levied in cases where applications are returned as unauthorized."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member wishes to know whether the same penalties have been levied, I shall be very glad to enquire."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer to clause (*b*) says : 'that all applications received after 1st June will be returned as time-barred'. May I ask whether orders are issued in time so that they may reach the parties concerned before the sowing season begins ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I presume so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Then, Sir, is the whole matter engaging the attention of the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I believe, Sir, that the hon. Member's question refers to another question of which notice has been given."

Legislative.

Oriya translation of notifications and Bills of the Government of India.

* 9 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that notifications by and Bills of the Government of India are not translated into Oriya or published in that language in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ;

(*b*) whether they are translated into the other principal languages in the Presidency and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ; and

(*c*) the cause of this differential treatment ?